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UNDER THE HEADING, "IMPRUDENT POLITICS," THE CONSERVATIVE PRO-GOVERNMENT EL PAIS, WHICH HAS RECENTLY TAKEN A MORE LIBERAL POSITION, CONTINUED ITS CRITICISM OF WHAT IT VIEWS AS CARTER'S INCONSISTENT APPLICATION OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLE. POINTING OUT "CERTAIN INCONGRUITIES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, THE CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA, FOR EXAMPLE," THE LEADING MONTEVIDEO DAILY WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THE EVEN GREATER LACK OF COHERENCE SHOWN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA.

"WHILE ADOPTING A COMPLACENT ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBA WHICH HE PARDONS FOR THE PECADILLO OF ANGOLA AND THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT IN AFRICA AND SOUTH-WEST ASIA, AS WELL AS DOMESTIC CRUELITIES CARTER BECOMES HARSH WITH THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE BEST FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND (SUPPORTERS) OF ITS CAUSE."

EL PAIS CITED THE RECENT "EXCOMMUNICATION" OF BRAZIL AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF CARTER'S "IMPRUDENT POLICY" --A FAILURE TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE U.S. BY "DISCOUNTING THE IMPORTANCE OF (CONTINUED) COLLABORATION (WITH) THE STRATEGIC

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SOUTHERN CONE."

IN CONCLUSION, EL PAIS BUTTRESSED ITS ARGUMENT WITH ALLUSIONS TO THE SOVIET THREAT: "INSTEAD OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SIGNIFICANT DISSIDENCE WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION, THE DISCONTENT OF THE SOVIET SATELLITE COUNTRIES, AMERICAN PRESTIGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND INTERNAL DISSENTION WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION FOR AFRICAN UNITY, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TAKES

THE INITIATIVE IN OPENING A NEW FRONT -- UNDOUBTEDLY LOST WORTHY:  
TMT OF HUMAN RIGHTS -- WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THOSE  
WHO VALIENTLY FOUGHT SO THAT THE WESTERN SYSTEM OF VALUES WOULD  
NOT DISAPPEAOSFROM THE GLOBE.  
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